

Children, Education and Families Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2021/22 Actuals £'000	Service Areas	2022/23 Original Budget £'000	2022/23 Latest Approved £'000	2022/23 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	EDUCATION CARE & HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT							
-461	Education Division							
694	Adult Education Centres	Cr 438	Cr 432	Cr 419	13	1	0	0
2,612	Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA	747	747	591	Cr 156	2	0	0
99	SEN and Inclusion	2,365	2,365	2,493	128	3	0	0
49	Strategic Place Planning	43	43	43	0		0	0
6,975	Workforce Development & Governor Services	Cr 24	Cr 24	Cr 24	0	4	0	0
0	Access & Inclusion	6,781	6,781	7,371	590	5	0	1,282
-1,446	Management Action - draw down from reserves	0	0	Cr 531	Cr 531		0	0
25	Schools Budgets	Cr 1,493	Cr 1,493	Cr 1,494	Cr 1	6	0	0
	Other Strategic Functions	318	324	324	0		0	0
8,537		8,263	8,275	8,318	43		0	1,282
	Children's Social Care							
1,774	Bromley Youth Support Programme	1,732	1,732	1,837	105		0	0
676	Early Intervention and Family Support	1,342	1,432	1,429	Cr 3		0	0
8,150	CLA and Care Leavers	8,280	8,280	7,605	Cr 675		0	1,581
21,406	Fostering, Adoption and Resources	18,720	18,720	21,849	3,129		0	4,329
4,358	Referral and Assessment Service	4,092	4,092	4,564	472	7	0	0
3,908	Safeguarding and Care Planning East	3,012	3,487	4,734	1,247		0	0
2,779	Safeguarding and Care Planning West	6,105	6,580	7,101	521		0	0
Cr 980	Safeguarding and Quality Improvement	Cr 1,952	Cr 1,877	Cr 1,422	455		0	0
42,071		41,331	42,446	47,697	5,251		0	5,910
50,608	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES	49,594	50,721	56,015	5,294		0	7,192
	Total Non-Controllable	1,594	1,594	1,594	0			0
	Total Excluded Recharges	8,761	8,761	8,761	0		0	0
50,608	TOTAL EDUCATION, CHILDREN & FAMILIES PORTFOLIO	59,949	61,076	66,370	5,294		0	7,192
	Memorandum Item							
	Sold Services							
	Education Psychology Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 94	Cr 94	186	280		0	0
	Education Welfare Service (RSG Funded)	Cr 18	Cr 18	21	39		0	0
	Workforce Development (DSG/RSG Funded)	Cr 30	Cr 30	Cr 30	0		0	0
	Community Vision Nursery (RSG Funded)	64	64	70	Cr 134		0	0
	Blenheim Nursery (RSG Funded)	98	98	109	11		0	0
0	Total Sold Services	20	20	216	196		0	0

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Adult Education - Dr £13k

The Adult Education service is currently projecting to overspend by £13k. This is due to an overspend on running costs of £25k that is offset by a small underspend of £12k on the staffing budgets.

2. Schools and Early Years Commissioning & QA - Cr £156k

The in-house nurseries are currently having issues with staffing that has resulted in one of them temporary closing. This has resulted in a staffing underspend across the two nurseries of £201k and an under collection of income of £78k. Once the two figures are netted off, it leaves a net underspend of £123k.

Across the rest of the service there is a £33k underspend relating to staffing

3. SEN and Inclusion - Dr £128k

The staffing in this area is currently forecasting an underspend by £105k. This is due to a number of posts that are currently vacant and are currently expected to be filled during the year.

The Education Psychologists are currently in the process of recruiting to the vacant posts in their team. This is causing the statutory service they are required to provide to be underspent by £47k and the Trading Service they offer to the Schools to be overspent by £280k due to the use of expensive agency staff used to provide the service. This is a net overspend of £233k.

Please note that as from the start of the year, the SEN Transport Service has moved from the SEN Division to the Access & Inclusion Division

5. Access & Inclusion - Dr £590k

The Education Welfare Service Trading Account is currently expected to under collect on its income by £39k due to the loss of a number of school contracts. The provision of the service will need to be reviewed.

There is currently expected to be an overspend of £20k on the cost for maintaining and updating the database for school pupils.

SEN Transport is currently forecast to overspend by £531k. This is due to additional costs of £755k related to the cost of providing the service. This is then offset by forecasted underspends on staffing (£178k) and collection of additional income of £46k. These figures may change due to new routes being in place from the start of the new academic year and during the year as route rationalisation occurs.

6. Schools Budgets (no impact on General Fund)

Expenditure on Schools is funded through the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) provided by the Department for Education (DfE). DSG is ring fenced and can only be applied to meet expenditure properly included in the Schools Budget. Any overspend or underspend must be carried forward to the following years Schools Budget.

There is a current projected overspend in DSG of £4,254k. This will be added to the £7,142k carried forward in the reserves from 2021/22. The prior year Early Year adjustment has reduced our 2021/22 DSG allocation by £178k causing an additional pressure on the DSG. This gives us an estimated DSG deficit reserve of £11,574k at the end of the financial year.

The in-year overspend is broken down as follows:-

There is an underspend of £75k in the Primary Support Team area. This is due to underspends in the staffing budgets.

The Home and Hospital service currently has a pressure of £200k due to the use of agency tutors to support the higher number of students the service is supporting.

There is an underspend of £1,778k from the High Needs Supplementary Grant. This is being used to offset the increase in costs of the SEN Placement budgets. The part of the grant that is shown as spent has been allocated to the schools in Bromley to support them with the additional costs they currently have.

SEN placements are projected to overspend by a total of £5,733k. The overspend is being caused by the Maintained Day (£652k), Independent Day (£3,400k), Alternative Programmes (£482k), Independent Boarding Schools (£332k), Maintained Boarding Schools (£69k), Direct Payment (£105k) and Matrix funding (£693k).

SEN Support for clients in Further Education Colleges is currently expected to overspend by £221k this year. This is due to the cost of placing clients with Independent providers.

The DSG funded element of SEN Transport is projected to overspend by £121k due to the new routes that were established in the last year. The level of spend in this area has been lower in previous years. Due to the current funding regulations LBB are not permitted to increase this budget from the previous years allocation.

The Early Support Programme, Complex Needs team and Darrick Wood Hearing Unit are all currently projected to underspend. Most of the underspend relates to lower than expected staffing costs. These are then being offset by an overspend in the High Needs Pre-school Service and other Staffing costs to give a net underspend of £71k.

There is also a total small balance of overspends of £24k.

Variations £'000	High Needs £'000	Schools £'000	Early Years £'000	Central £'000
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Primary Support Team	-75	0	0	0	-75
Home & Hospital	200	200	0	0	0
Used of Additional Money	-1,778	-1,778	0	0	0
Other Small Balances	11	0	0	6	5
SEN:					
- Placements	5,733	5,733	0	0	0
- Support in FE colleges	221	221	0	0	0
- Darrick Wood Hearing Unit	-40	-40	0	0	0
- Complex Needs Team	-10	-10	0	0	0
- High Needs Pre-school Service	12	12	0	0	0
- Early Support Programme	-54	-54	0	0	0
- SEN Staff	21	21	0	0	0
- Other Small SEN Balances	13	13	0	0	0
Total	4,254	4,318	0	6	-70

7. Children's Social Care - Dr £5,251k

The current budget variation for the Children's Social Care Division is projected to be an overspend of £5,251k, Despite additional funding being secured in the 2022/23 budget, continued increases in the number of children being looked after together with the cost of placements has continued to put considerable strain on the budget.

Bromley Youth Support Programme -Dr £105k

The BYSP budget is projected to underspend by £105k this year. This is due to an overspend of £90k in staffing and an under collection of income of £121k. These are then offset by an underspend on running costs of £106k.

CLA and Care Leavers - Cr £675k

The service is currently expected to underspend by £675k. This is due to an overspend in staffing of £116k, an under collection of income of £151k and £103k over spend on running costs. These are then offset by a £1,045k underspend on placement costs in the service.

Fostering, Adoption and Resources - £3,129k

The budget for children's placements is currently projected to overspend by £3,035k this year. This amount is analysed by placement type below.

- Community Home's / Community Home's with Education - Dr £1,592k
- Boarding Schools - Dr £18k
- Fostering services (IFA's) - Dr £1,147k
- Fostering services (In-house, including SGO's and Kinship) - Dr £232k
- Adoption placements - Cr £36k
- Outreach Services - Dr £198k
- Transport Costs - Cr £116k

Additionally there are overspends on staffing of £32k and running cost of £62k in this area.

Referral and Assessment Service - Dr £472k

The main projected variance relates to services is a projected overspend on staffing of £350k, with the remaining £122k relating to running costs that in turn mostly relate to No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) clients.

Safeguarding and Care Planning East - Dr £1,247k

The budget in this area is currently projected to overspend by £1,247k, and is due to staffing overspends of £420k, PLO cases overspending by £755k and the remaining (£72k) relating to general running costs over spends.

Safeguarding and Care Planning West- Dr £521k

Services for Children with Disabilities is projected to overspend by £73k this year. This is made up of an overspend of £75k in relation to transport, £42k for counselling and £29k for other running costs. These are then offset by an underspend of £73k on staffing.

The remainder of the area is overspent by £448k and is due to a staffing overspend of £311k, Short breaks of £104k and other running costs of £33k

Safeguarding and Quality Improvement - Dr £455k

The projected overspend of £455k in this area mainly relates to staffing (£433k), and this includes the costs of recruiting and retaining social workers across the whole of Children's Social Care. There is additionally a £22k overspend in running costs.

8. Sold Services (net budgets)

Services sold to schools are separately identified in this report to provide clarity in terms of what is being provided. These accounts are shown as memorandum items as the figures are included in the appropriate Service Area in the main report.

Waiver of Financial Regulations

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempt from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Finance and the Director of Commissioning and (where over £100,000) approval of the Portfolio Holder and report use of this exemption to Audit Sub-Committee bi-annually. Since the last report to the Executive, there has been in Children's Social Care there were 14 waivers agreed for placements of between £100k and £150k, 1 between £150k and £200k and 7 for a value of over £200k.

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to Executive, there have been no virements processed

Description	2022/23 Latest Approved Budget £'000	Variation To 2022/23 Budget £'000	Potential Impact in 2023/24
Children's Social Care	42,446	1,874	The overall full year effect of the Children's Social Care overspend is a net £5,910k, analysed as Residential Care, Fostering and Adoption of £4,329k and on Leaving Care costs of £1,581k.
SEN Transport	6,505	1,282	The current full year effect for SEN Transport - based on the current routes - is £1,282k.

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget

	£'000
Original Budget 2022/23	59,949
Contingency:	
Additional social workers re caseloads	700
Temporary increase in CIN social workers	250
 Carry forwards:	
Broadband at Poverest	6
Wellbeing for Education	6
Deed Settlement for Hawes Down Site	
- expenditure	12
- income	-12
Virtual School CIN Grant	
- expenditure	63
- income	-63
Virtual School PLAC Grant	
- expenditure	93
- income	-93
Tackling Troubled Families Grant	
- expenditure	334
- income	-334
EIFS waiting list and volumes	90
MOPAC Choices grant	75
 Other:	
 Latest Approved Budget for 2022/23	<u>61,076</u>